



## 4 DAY AMAZON TOUR

**Trip Duration:** 4 days

**Trip Difficulty:**

**Destination:** Peru

**Begins in:** Cusco

**Activities:** Walks, River tours, Wildlife

### INCLUDED

- Airport transfers
- Ground & river transportation
- Accommodations
- Entrance fees
- Meals as described in itinerary
- Double occupancy
- Domestic Flights
- Expert guides

### EXCLUDED

- Single supplement fee
- Airport departure taxes, Visa fees, excess baggage charges
- Alcoholic beverages, bottled water, snacks
- Insurance of any kind
- Tips
- Laundry
- Personal items

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**Why Ultimate Expeditions®?** We provide high quality service without the inflated cost. Our goal is to work with you to create the ideal itinerary based on your needs, abilities and desires. We can help you plan every aspect of your trip, providing everything you need for an enjoyable experience.

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### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 Arrive Cusco - Puerto Maldonado – Tambopata River

Arrive Cusco with a transfer to our Puerto Maldonado Headquarters; here you will be asked to pack only the necessary gear for the next few days, the rest can be held securely at our Headquarters. We will then drive roughly 12.5 miles to the Tambopata River Port and enter the Native Community of Infierno. From here we will take a boat to Refugio Amazonas; this 2.5 hour boat ride will take us past the Community of Infierno and the Tambopata National Reserve's checkpoint and into the buffer zone of this 1.3 million hectare conservation unit. Upon arriving the Refugio Amazonas, the lodge manager will welcome and brief you with important navigation and security tips. After dinner we will venture out to the river's edge at night, scanning the shores with headlamps and flashlights to catch the gleaming red reflections from caiman eyes. We will spend the night at the Refugio Amazonas. (Lunch & Dinner)



#### DAY 2 Oxbow Lake – Canopy – Farm Visit

Today we will paddle around the Oxbow Lake on a canoe or a catamaran, looking for wildlife such as hoatzin, caiman and horned screamers, and hopefully an otter. Overhead sightings of macaws and other birdlife. A thirty minute walk from Refugio Amazonas leads to an 82 foot scaffolding canopy tower, the views of mixed species canopy flocks as well as toucans, macaws and raptors are likely. After lunch we will visit a farm for an Ethnobotanical tour. Here we will find a variety of plants and trees used by the locals for a variety of purposes. After dinner, nightly lectures prepared by the staff of Refugio Amazonas here they discuss conservation threats, opportunities and projects in the Tambopata National Reserve. We will spend the night at the Refugio Amazonas. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 3 Parrot Clay Lick – Brazil Nut Trail

After breakfast we will take a boat ride and 1 hour hike to a clay lick. Here will see parrots and parakeets, Dusky headed and Cobalt winged Parakeet, Mealy, Yellow-crowned Amazons, Blue-headed Pionus and severe macaw and Orange-cheeled (Barraband's) Parrot. We will enjoy lunch then embark on a beautiful old growth patch of Brazil Nut forest that has been harvested for decades, where the precarious remains of a camp used two months out of the year by Brazil Nut gatherers can still be experienced. We will be demonstrating the whole process of the rain forest's only sustainably harvested product from collection, transportation to drying. On to the mammal clay lick, which is about twenty minutes walking distance from Refugio Amazonas, is a peccary clay lick. These wild rain forest pigs show up in herds of five to twenty to eat clay during the late morning. Chances of spotting them are around 15% but well worth the short hike. Other wildlife also visit the clay including deer, guan and parakeets. After dinner, we will enjoy a night hike, when most of the mammals are active but difficult to see. We will spend the night at the Refugio Amazonas. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### DAY 4 Depart

After breakfast you are transferred to Cusco Airport for departures. (Breakfast)

## PERU

### Best Time to Visit

Peru experiences two main seasons. The dry season, May through October offers sunny blue sky days and chilly nights. November through April is the rainy season with significantly more rain from January through April. Traveling during off-peak season means less crowds, greener scenery and lower rates, however, expect frequent showers, unpredictable weather with varying conditions.

#### Temperature

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Average High (F)	65	65	66	67	67	66
Average Low (F)	43	43	43	41	36	32

  

Month	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average High (F)	66	67	68	69	69	69
Average Low (F)	32	35	39	41	42	43

### Entry Requirements

No visas required for Peru. A passport valid for six months after date of entry is required. Visitors must hold return/onward tickets and all documents required for their next destination.

### Vaccinations

Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, and Typhoid immunizations are recommended for all travelers. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended if you are traveling to jungle regions and you should consult your local doctor or physician to advise which malaria medication is best suited for you. Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the CDC's Internet site at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>.

### Travel Advisories

Make two photocopies of valuables such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

Be sure to inform your credit card company as well as your bank you will travel internationally into South America. This will eliminate any credit card holds for fraudulent activity.



### Currency

Carrying cash, an ATM or traveler's check card and also a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency is advisable. The best places to exchange money are normally bureau de change, which are fast, have longer hours and often give slightly better rates than banks. Local currency is Peruvian Nuevo Sol (PEN), and it is advised to carry hard notes of USD. Better hotels, lodges, and camps might accept credit cards; however it is advised to withdraw cash when visiting remote areas and villages.

### Government

Peru – is a constitutional republic.

### Religion

Roman Catholic 81.3%, Evangelical 12.5%, other 3.3%, unspecified or none 2.9%.